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SUBJECT: GRIVAS PICKS UP GAUNTLET; POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS

REF: (A) NICOSIA 1951; (B) NICOSIA 1963

SUMMARY: GRIVAS MAINTAINS PRESSURE CONCERNING MAKARIOS  
ROLE IN 1966. REJECTS MAKARIOS OFFER RE POLITICAL AC-  
TIVITY IN MASS MEDIA. GOVT SHOWS SENSITIVITY TO GRIVAS  
CHARGES. INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS POSTPONED "PROVISIONALLY"  
TO OCTOBER 2. GOVT PRESSURE CONTINUES WITH ARRESTS AND  
COURT VERDICT. END SUMMARY

1. WASTING NO TIME IN PICKING UP ARCHBISHOP'S OFFER TO PROVIDE  
MINUTES OF CROWN COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH PARIS PROTOCOL  
WAS DISCUSSED (REF B), GRIVAS ISSUED REPLY SEPT 19 DEMANDING  
PUBLICATION BOTH MINUTES AND PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S LETTER TO KING  
CONSTANTINE(REF A).

TAUNTINGLY, GENERAL COMMENTED THAT MAKARIOS WILLINGLY  
GAVE EXCHANGES FOR INDEPENDENCE BUT NONE FOR ENOSIS.

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2. GRIVAS ALSO REJECTED "WITH SCORN" RECENT GOVT-INSPIRED

PRESS STORIES RE AMNESTY AND ITS CONDITIONAL OFFER TO PUT MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA AT GENERAL'S DISPOSAL, REITERATING CALL FOR FULFILLMENT OF HIS CONDITIONS FOR PEACEFUL "CONFRONTATION", GENERAL ENDED STATEMENT ON DEFIANT NOTE: "OTHERWISE WE SHALL WAGE THE STRUGGLE AS WE SEE FIT.

3. SHOWING SOME SENSITIVITY TO GRIVAS REVELATIONS, GOVT EXPONENT "PHILELEFTHEROS" PAST TWO DAYS HAS SHIFTED INTO MAJOR FRONT PAGE ATTACKS ON "PARIS PROTOCOL" IN EFFORT TO IMPUGN AS UNACCEPTABLE THE "FORM OF ENOSIS" DISCUSSED IN 1966, AND TO SHOW THAT TURKS HAD NOT AGREED TO EVEN THAT. CAGLAYANGILS STATEMENT OF DENIAL (ANKARA 7431) PLAYED UP PROMINENTLY IN TODAY'S PRESS.

4. GOVT ANNOUNCED SEP 19 THAT RESUMPTION OF TALKS FURTHER POSTPONED FROM SEP 21 TO ("PROVISIONALLY") OCT 2 BECAUSE OF (1) DEKLERIS CONTINUED ABSENCE IN ATHENS AND (2) DEPARTURE OF CLERIDES SEP 22 FOR LUSAKA CONFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF PARLIAMENT.

5. PIO ON BACKGROUND BASIS COOLED SPECULATION RE MAKARIOS VISIT TO ATHENS NEXT MONTH BY DENYING THAT EITHER INDICATIONS OR SPECIAL REASONS EXIST FOR TRIP NOW.

6. LOW LEVEL GOVT PRESSURE AGAINST OPPOSITION CAMP CONTINUES. TEN PERSONS ARRESTED IN SWEEP NICOSIA SEP 18. EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF "PATRIS" FOUND GUILTY AND FINED FOR CALLING THE ARCHBISHOP BY CHRISTIAN NAME "MOUSKOS" (THOUGH COURT SKIRTED DECISION AS TO CANONICAL VALIDITY OF DEFROCKING DECISION.) "ETHNIKI" AND "MESIMVRINI" FACE TRIALS ON SAME CHARGES.

7. COMMENT: GRIVAS HAS STRUCK A NERVE. WE WONDER HOW ANKARA AND ATHENS WILL VIEW FURTHER COMPETITIVE DISCLOSURES BEARING ON SUCH SENSITIVE QUESTIONS. SO FAR UK HERE HAS STUCK TO PRESS LINE REPORTED REF B. GRANT

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